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A CONCURRENT MEMORIAL

**URGING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO APPROPRIATE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS
IN THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE BUDGET FOR THE RED MESA HEALTH CENTER.**

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 To the Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, the Navajo Nation and Indian Health Services have planned the
4 Red Mesa health center and staff quarters since the mid 1980s to improve
5 access to health care for the ten thousand people residing in northeast
6 Arizona; and

7 Whereas, the local land users donated seventy-five acres of land at Red
8 Mesa, Arizona for the development of the health center and staff quarters.
9 All of the necessary documents, including surveys and clearances, have been
10 completed and the site has been legally withdrawn by the Navajo Nation; and

11 Whereas, the Congress of the United States appropriated funds in fiscal
12 year 2000 for the design of the Red Mesa health center. The Indian Health
13 Services hired an architect to design the project and a construction manager
14 to oversee the construction of the project once it is designed and
15 construction funds have been appropriated; and

16 Whereas, the Red Mesa health center, when completed, will provide adult
17 and pediatric medical services, diagnosis and laboratory services, short stay
18 nursing beds, dental care, physical therapy and twenty-four hour emergency
19 care. Most of these services are currently unavailable in the proposed
20 service area, forcing people seeking these services to travel an average of
21 sixty miles to the nearest hospital in Shiprock, New Mexico; and

22 Whereas, the Indian Health Services planned the Red Mesa health center
23 with ninety-three units of staff quarters due to the remoteness of the site.
24 Availability of housing is critical in the recruitment of medical doctors,
25 nurses and other health professionals on the Navajo Nation. It is extremely
26 important that the staff quarters be constructed at the same time as the
27 health center in order for the clinic to open with adequate staffing when it
28 is completed.

29 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
30 Arizona, the Senate concurring, prays:

31 1. That the Congress of the United States appropriate construction
32 funds in the amount of \$48 million in the fiscal year 2002 Indian health
33 service budget for the Red Mesa health center and staff quarters at Red Mesa,
34 Arizona.

35 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
36 of this Memorial to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker
37 of the United States House of Representatives and each Member of Congress
38 from the State of Arizona.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE MARCH 1, 2001.

PASSED BY THE SENATE MARCH 28, 2001.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE MARCH 29, 2001.

Passed the House March 1, 20 01

by the following vote: 54 Ayes

5 Nays, 1 Not Voting

[Signature]
Speaker of the House

Norman L. Moore
Chief Clerk of the House

Passed the Senate March 28, 20 01

by the following vote: 22 Ayes

8 Nays, 0 Not Voting

[Signature]
President of the Senate

Chasmin Billings
Secretary of the Senate

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

H.C.M. 2003

This Memorial was received by the Secretary of State

this 29th day of March, 20 01

at 1:31 o'clock P M.

[Signature]
Secretary of State